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PATENT  
Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0079-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Kazunari TAIRA et al. )  
Application No.: 09/974,974 ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
Filed: October 12, 2001 ) Examiner: Charles L. Patterson, Jr.  
For: NUCLEIC ACID ENZYMES )  
ACQUIRING AN ACTIVITY FOR )  
CLEAVING A TARGET RNA BY )  
RECOGNIZING ANOTHER )  
MOLECULE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR TWO (2) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2004. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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